generator would not have solid connection to a borehole casing, a metal waterline, or a grounding conductor with a low resistance to earth; that the resistor used to connect the neutral of the transformer secondary to the frame of the diesel generator would be rated for continuous duty and would limit the phase-to-frame fault current for each of the low and medium voltage circuits to a maximum of 0.5 amperes; that each outgoing power circuit of the diesel generator would be protected by a circuit breaker; that each outgoing power circuit of the diesel generator would be equipped with a relay that would monitor the phase-to-frame fault current and trip the appropriate circuit breaker when the phase-to-frame fault current exceeds 0.1 amperes; that the 995-volt circuits would be equipped with a sensitive ground fault relay that would cause the respective circuit breaker(s) to trip and shut down the diesel engine when a phase-to-frame fault of 90 milliamperes or higher occurs; that a 1/0 A.W.G. or larger external ground conductor would be solidly connected between the frames of the diesel generator and mining equipment being powered and between the trailing cable coupler and the frame of equipment where the cable coupler connects to the coupler of the equipment; that the cable power from the generator to the equipment would be type SHD–GC on machines greater that 660 volts and would have a minimum of 2,000 volt rating and an outer jacket that has been MSHA approved as flame-resistant; that strain relief would be provided on each end of the shielded cable that extends between the generator and the piece of equipment being powered; that prior to moving each piece of equipment and upon start-up of the diesel generator, a functional test of the ground fault and ground wire monitor systems would be performed and a record would be maintained on the results of the tests; that all circuit breaker settings would be adjusted to provide short-circuit protection; and that prior to using the diesel generator system, ''hands on'' training would be provided to all qualified persons on proper testing procedures and incorporated into the part 48 training plans. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

7. U.S. Steel Mining Company, LLC

[Docket No. M–98–104–C]

U.S. Steel Mining Company, LLC, P.O. Box 338 Pineville, West Virginia 24874 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1002 (location of trolley wires, trolley feeder wires, high-voltage cables and transformers) to its No. 50 Mine (I.D. No. 46–01816) located in Wyoming County, West Virginia. The petitioner proposes to use 4,160 volt cables to supply power to permissible longwall mining equipment. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

8. Windsor Coal Company

[Docket No. M–98–105–C]

Windsor Coal Company, P.O. Box 39, West Liberty, West Virginia 26074 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.364(b)(1) (weekly examination) to its Windsor Mine (I.D. No. 46–01286) located in Brooke County, West Virginia. Due to deteriorating roof and rib conditions in certain areas of the intake air course, traveling the affected area would be unsafe. The petitioner proposes to establish evaluation points to monitor the air and gas measurements in the affected area; to maintain the evaluation points in safe conditions; to have a certified person test for methane and the quality and quantity of air at both evaluation points; and to have the person making the examinations and test place their initials, date, and time at the evaluation points and in a book on the surface made available for interested persons. The petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same measure of protection as would the mandatory standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions are encouraged to submit comments via e-mail to ''comments@msha.gov'', or on a computer disk along with an original hard copy to the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 627, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before February 16, 1999. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: January 6, 1999.

Carol J. Jones,

Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99–014]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Task Force on International Space Station Operational Readiness; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces an open meeting of the NAC Task Force on International Space Station Operational Readiness (IOR). This meeting will be conducted via teleconference.

DATES: Thursday, January 28, 1999, 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Johnson Space Center, 2101 NASA Road 1, Building 1, Room 920L, Houston, TX 77058.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Holly Stevens, NASA Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058, 512–863–2579 or 281–483–3655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public may attend the meeting at the location listed above. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

—Discuss the IOR Task Force Final Report on the Shuttle-Mir Program.

—Review findings and recommendations related to International Space Station issues that will be contained in the IOR Task Force Final Report on the Shuttle-Mir Program.

—Review the results of the fact-finding meetings conducted by the IOR Task Force and the Utkin Advisory Expert Council held January 18–22, 1999, in Moscow, Russia.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Dated: January 8, 1999.

Mathew M. Crouch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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